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REVIEW OF HANDICRAFT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey on handicraft schemes functioning in the country specially in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details of the shortcoming which came to the notice of the Government;

(c) the schemes of the Government for promoting handicrafts;

(d) whether the office of the Development Commissioner (handicraft) has been non-cooperative towards the upliftment of the artisans; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA)

(a)& (b) The schemes of Handicraft Sector are not State specific and are being implemented throughout the country including the State of Jharkhand. The evaluation of Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY), Design and Technology Up-gradation, Marketing & Support Services and Export Promotion Schemes has been carried out through independent agencies and these schemes have been found useful. However, some suggestions have emerged to make these schemes more effective by :

Enhancing credit flow to the artisans.

(a) Introducing provision for guiding and monitoring agencies under AHVY.

(b) Linking the Common Facility Centres with exporters and entrepreneurs.

Suitable action on above suggestions have already been taken.

(c) The schemes of the Government for promotion and development of handicrafts include: Baba Saheb Amedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY); Design & Technology Upgradation; Marketing & Support Services; Export Promotion: Research and Development; Bima Yojana; Special Handicrafts Training Project; Workshed & Credit Guarantee, etc.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.